

ALLEN SMITH.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 777.]

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JANUARY 24, 1857.

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Mr. PIKE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

## REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petition and accompanying papers of Allen Smith, make the following report :*

That it appears from the affidavit of the petitioner, (and his statement is corroborated by the certificate of the adjutant general,) that he enlisted into the company of Captain Weeks, 11th regiment of United States infantry, on the 20th of May, 1812, for five years, and served the full period of his enlistment, and was honorably discharged.

It further appears from his statement that he was transferred to the recruiting service, being a drummer, and was ordered from place to place ; that whilst stationed at Plattsburgh, New York, he had an attack of measles, and before he had entirely recovered, was ordered to Champlain, in the same State, and whilst there, and in feeble health, he was obliged to encamp in the woods, without covering, exposed to the cold, wet and snow, which produced sickness, and from the effects of which he has never recovered, but, on the contrary, he has grown worse, until he is now wholly incapable of supporting himself, and that his present disabled condition is owing to disease contracted whilst in the discharge of his duty as a soldier. Two or three respectable physicians fully confirm his statement as regards his present disability, and give it as their opinion that it is in consequence of exposure to the inclemency of the weather. It also appears from the affidavit of the officer who enlisted the petitioner, (Gould,) and who served with him during the whole five years, and also by that of Lieutenant Stephenson, who also served with him, that he (the petitioner) was, at the time of entering the service, a strong, able bodied man, and that his present disability is the result of an incurable disease, contracted whilst in the army and in the discharge of his duty.

In view of the foregoing facts, and in consequence of the valuable service of the petitioner, your committee report a bill for his relief, and recommend its passage.

ALEX. SMITH

(In response to H. R. No. 1171)

January 21, 1857

Mr. Fink from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petition and accompanying papers of Alex. Smith, make the following report:

That it appears from the affidavit of the petitioner, (and his statement is corroborated by the certificate of the adjutant general,) that he enlisted into the company of Captain Welch, 11th regiment of United States Infantry, on the 20th of May, 1817, for five years, and served the full period of his enlistment, and was honorably discharged.

It further appears from his statement that he was transferred to the regular service, being a drummer, and was ordered from place to place; that while stationed at Plattsburgh, New York, he had an attack of measles, and before he had entirely recovered, was ordered to Philadelphia, in the same State, and while there, and in Toledo, he was obliged to encamp in the woods, without covering; exposed to the cold, wet and snow, which produced sickness, and soon the effects of which he has never recovered, but on the contrary, he has grown worse, until he is now wholly incapable of supporting himself, and that his present disabled condition is owing to disease contracted while in the discharge of his duty as a soldier. Two or three respectable physicians fully concur in this statement as regards his present condition, and give it as their opinion that it is incurable of exposure to the inclemency of the weather. It also appears from the affidavit of the officer who ordered the petitioner, (Smith,) and who served with him during the whole five years, and also by that of his nearest neighborhood, who also served with him, that he (the petitioner) was, at the time of entering the service, a strong, able bodied man, and that his present disability is the result of an incurable disease, contracted while in the army and in the discharge of his duty.

In view of the foregoing facts, and in consequence of the reliable services of the petitioner, your committee report a bill for his relief, and recommend its passage.